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1. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of March, 1949, and the nine months ended March, 1949. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven day's duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 5, 7 and 8 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in March, 1949, and the nine months ended March, 1949, are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING MARCH, 1949 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1949 - STATES.

State	Benefits paid during March, 1949				Benefits paid during nine months ended March, 1949.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W.(a)	1,074	27,269	5,460	33,803	17,199	236,393	31,366	284,958
Victoria	141	19,014	5,233	24,388	2,001	150,278	26,463	178,742
Queensland	16,524	11,672	1,030	29,226	63,120	86,547	6,907	156,574
S. Aust.(b)	6	5,430	272	5,708	394	59,311	2,834	62,539
W.Australia	736	5,515	298	6,549	8,716	47,398	4,499	60,613
Tasmania	178	3,031	292	3,501	2,462	29,936	2,711	35,109
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18,659</b>	<b>71,931</b>	<b>12,585</b>	<b>103,175</b>	<b>93,892</b>	<b>609,863</b>	<b>74,780</b>	<b>778,535</b>

3. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

The following table shows for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the nine months ended March, 1949.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1949 - STATES.

State	Persons							
	Claims admitted - nine months ended March, 1949				Benefits Discontinued - nine months ended March, 1949.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W.(a)	1,911	19,407	4,737	26,055	2,015	19,303	4,325	25,643
Victoria	220	12,244	4,086	16,550	260	11,894	3,672	15,826
Queensland	6,810	8,017	286	15,113	5,941	7,785	278	14,004
S. Aust.(b)	73	5,065	114	5,252	84	5,100	118	5,302
W.Australia	715	4,672	562	5,949	827	4,622	569	6,018
Tasmania	86	2,036	104	2,226	89	2,062	91	2,242
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>9,815</b>	<b>51,441</b>	<b>9,889</b>	<b>71,145</b>	<b>9,216</b>	<b>50,766</b>	<b>9,053</b>	<b>69,035</b>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

#### 4. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48, and for the months March, 1948 to March, 1949, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

#### III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<b>CLAIMS ADMITTED</b>									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
1948 -									
March	3,446	297	3,843	1,144	147	214	7,436	1,655	9,091
April	1,386	112	3,906	1,171	115	43	5,407	1,326	6,733
May	1,005	69	5,300	1,543	1,434	263	7,739	1,875	9,614
June	743	37	4,044	1,097	97	36	4,824	1,170	6,054
July	799	69	6,595	1,774	848	265	8,242	2,108	10,350
August	571	55	4,737	1,335	147	61	5,455	1,451	6,906
September	542	60	4,500	1,214	722	159	5,764	1,433	7,197
October	939	51	5,169	1,515	1,283	102	7,326	1,668	8,994
November	973	61	4,074	1,210	2,051	456	7,098	1,727	8,825
December	972	36	3,333	938	100	51	4,405	1,025	5,430
1949 -									
January (a)	2,005	64	4,388	1,238	1,261	132	7,654	1,434	9,088
February (a)	1,435	57	3,875	1,188	391	58	5,701	1,303	7,004
March (a)	1,080	46	3,401	954	1,593	204	6,077	1,204	7,281

#### DISCONTINUANCES.

Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,735	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,034	17,840	106,894
1948 -									
March	3,075	177	3,937	1,124	189	232	7,201	1,533	8,734
April	4,585	308	3,856	1,126	155	206	8,596	1,640	10,236
May	2,081	97	5,083	1,538	690	125	7,854	1,760	9,614
June	971	57	4,034	1,151	649	99	5,654	1,307	6,961
July	1,321	74	6,099	1,732	646	176	8,066	1,982	10,048
August	625	52	4,554	1,272	448	143	5,627	1,467	7,094
September	746	62	4,629	1,254	250	80	5,625	1,396	7,021
October	802	76	5,429	1,563	1,404	159	7,635	1,798	9,433
November	1,012	44	4,145	1,188	1,373	266	6,530	1,498	8,028
December	501	50	3,421	978	1,142	214	5,064	1,242	6,306
1949 -									
January (a)	1,428	61	4,025	1,239	662	90	6,115	1,390	7,505
February (a)	1,166	59	3,788	1,044	662	98	5,616	1,201	6,817
March (a)	1,085	52	3,446	960	1,054	186	5,585	1,198	6,783

#### PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH

1946 - June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948 -									
March	6,221	364	7,149	2,518	306	579	13,676	3,461	17,137
April	3,022	168	7,199	2,563	266	416	10,487	3,147	13,634
May	1,946	140	7,416	2,568	1,010	556	10,372	3,264	13,636
June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	453	491	9,602	3,125	12,727
July	1,196	115	7,922	2,556	660	580	9,778	3,251	13,029
August	1,142	118	8,105	2,619	359	498	9,606	3,235	12,841
September	938	116	7,976	2,579	831	577	9,745	3,272	13,017
October	1,075	91	7,716	2,531	715	520	9,506	3,142	12,648
November	1,036	108	7,645	2,553	1,393	710	10,074	3,371	13,445
December	1,507	94	7,557	2,513	351	547	9,415	3,154	12,569
1949 -									
January (a)	2,084	97	7,920	2,512	950	589	10,954	3,198	14,152
February (a)	2,353	95	8,007	2,656	679	549	11,039	3,300	14,339
March (a)	2,348	89	7,965	2,650	1,218	567	11,531	3,306	14,837

(a) Subject to revision.



### 5. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(1) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during March, 1949, and the nine months ended March, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

#### IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MARCH, 1949 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	March, 1949.				Nine months ended March, 1949.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	182	353	33	568	1,412	4,352	490	6,254
1 and under 2	204	746	214	1,164	1,785	7,178	1,874	10,837
2 " " 3	155	701	436	1,292	1,272	6,571	2,409	10,252
3 " " 4	123	644	114	881	871	5,783	1,290	7,944
4 " " 5	101	520	178	799	613	4,382	800	5,795
5 " " 9	281	1,179	241	1,701	1,497	10,431	1,432	13,360
9 " " 13	175	439	25	639	626	4,646	277	5,549
13 " " 27	102	514	42	658	729	5,163	305	6,197
27 and over	25	263	26	314	411	2,260	176	2,847
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>5,359</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>8,016</b>	<b>9,216</b>	<b>50,766</b>	<b>9,053</b>	<b>69,035</b>

The following table shows, for discontinuances notified during March, 1949, and the nine months ended March, 1949, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

#### V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MARCH, 1949 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1949 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	March, 1949				Nine months ended March, 1949.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and Over	1.85	4.91	1.99	3.91	4.46	4.45	1.94	4.12
13 " "	9.42	14.50	5.19	12.12	12.28	14.62	5.31	13.08
9 " "	22.40	22.69	7.10	20.09	19.08	23.77	8.37	21.12
5 " "	43.25	44.69	25.51	41.31	35.34	44.32	24.19	40.48
4 " "	50.74	54.39	39.11	51.28	42.00	52.95	33.03	48.88
3 " "	59.87	66.41	47.82	62.27	51.46	64.34	47.28	60.39
2 " "	71.37	79.49	81.13	78.39	65.27	77.29	73.89	75.24
1 " "	86.50	93.41	97.48	92.91	84.66	91.43	94.59	90.94
Less than 1	13.50	6.59	2.52	7.09	15.34	8.57	5.41	9.06

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during March, 1949, and the nine months ended March, 1949, are shown below:-

#### VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MARCH, 1949 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Reasons for Cessation	March, 1949				Nine months ended March 1949			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	744	55.19	2,894	54.00	5,255	57.02	30,384	59.85
Incapacity Terminated	-	-	1,919	35.81	-	-	13,633	26.85
Failure to report (a)	514	38.13	49	.92	3,078	33.40	2,163	4.26
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	33	2.45	34	.63	306	3.32	339	.67
Statutory age limit (b)	5	.37	7	.13	39	.42	93	.18
Permanent incapacity (c)	8	.59	217	4.05	119	1.29	1,954	3.85
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	-	-	4	.07	3	.03	26	.05
Death	1	.08	83	1.55	7	.08	757	1.49
Transfer to another district	19	1.41	73	1.36	134	1.45	664	1.32
Other	24	1.78	79	1.48	275	2.99	753	1.48
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>5,359</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>9,216</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>50,766</b>	<b>100.00</b>

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

## 6. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH MARCH, 1949.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 26th March, 1949, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 54 per 10,000 comprising 9 unemployment, 39 sickness and 6 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

### VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH MARCH, 1949. PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT: AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 Males	12	40	6	58
Females	Per 10,000 Females	1	36	8	45
Persons	Per 10,000 Persons	9	39	6	54

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 26th March, 1949:-

### VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH MARCH, 1949 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	211	24	2,949	949	712	201	3,872	1,174	5,046
Victoria	21	5	2,036	820	410	174	2,467	999	3,466
Queensland	1,987	55	1,328	381	60	64	3,375	500	3,875
S.Aust.(b)	7	2	708	197	13	29	728	228	956
W.Australia	99	1	624	202	17	41	740	244	984
Tasmania	23	2	320	101	6	58	349	161	510
Total 26th March, 1949	2,348	89	7,965	2,650	1,218	567	11,531	3,306	14,837
Total 27th March, 1948	6,221	364	7,149	2,518	306	579	13,676	3,461	17,137

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory

(b) Includes Northern Territory

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 26th March, 1949, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

### IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH MARCH, 1949 : AUSTRALIA

Age Group (as at 31st Dec. 1948)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	109	24	584	566	70	42	763	632	1,395
20 - 24 "	222	30	903	595	220	53	1,345	678	2,023
25 - 29 "	232	7	650	291	258	38	1,140	336	1,476
30 - 34 "	190	4	646	199	184	48	1,020	251	1,271
35 - 39 "	236	8	757	203	156	80	1,149	291	1,440
40 - 44 "	234	5	737	219	102	73	1,073	297	1,370
45 - 49 "	273	7	894	244	33	105	1,200	356	1,556
50 - 54 "	251	1	875	203	6	58	1,132	262	1,394
55 - 59 "	289	3	996	124	7	54	1,292	181	1,473
60 years and over	312	-	923	6	182	16	1,417	22	1,439
TOTAL :	2,348	89	7,965	2,650	1,218	567	11,531	3,306	14,837



7. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING MARCH, 1949, AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1949. AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH MARCH, 1949.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during March, 1949, and the nine months ended March, 1949, and by those who were on benefit at 26th March, 1949.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

X. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING MARCH, 1949, AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during -				On Benefit	
	March, 1949		Nine months ended March 1949		26th March, 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	3	1	146	3	11	-
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	27	5	353	20	52	5
Power rationing ..	2	-	28	1	2	2
Shortage of materials ..	36	1	985	36	52	3
Strikes and lockouts ..	45	-	203	3	29	-
Seasonal work ..	462	1	2,792	16	1,112	8
Casual work ..	261	5	1,348	31	321	2
Other, including inadequately defined	237	17	1,630	157	368	24
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	126	19	1,055	161	252	29
Other, including inadequately defined	63	1	591	47	99	8
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	22	3	138	6	36	4
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	1	-	19	1	4	-
Other ..	1	2	38	17	10	4
TOTAL :	1,306	55	9,316	499	2,348	89

(ii) Industrial groups: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during March, 1949, and the nine months ended March, 1949, and of those on benefit at 26th March, 1949.

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING MARCH, 1949 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1949 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	March, 1949		Nine months ended March 1949		26th March 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	440	-	1,677	2	816	-
Other Primary Production ..	26	-	110	-	32	-
Coal Mining - ..	5	-	298	-	12	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	19	-	121	-	28	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	63	-	1,151	18	107	1
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	11	-	111	1	14	-
Textiles and articles of dress ..	9	7	77	54	10	7
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	194	5	1,965	41	533	14
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	44	1	223	1	58	-
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	37	-	325	13	69	1
Building and Construction ..	181	-	1,141	-	259	-
Transport and Communication ..	60	1	448	12	81	-
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	93	12	757	101	139	16
Finance and Property ..	11	-	56	-	13	-
Public Administration and Professional ..	46	7	377	60	72	12
Personal and Domestic Service ..	58	18	418	173	89	31
Other ..	9	4	61	23	16	7
TOTAL:	1,306	55	9,316	499	2,348	89

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 26th March, 1949, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 26TH MARCH, 1949.  
STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	27	3	776	-	6	4	816
Other Primary Production ..	-	1	31	-	-	-	32
Coal Mining ..	7	-	4	-	-	1	12
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	1	-	21	-	6	-	28
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	72	1	23	2	8	1	107
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	5	1	4	1	2	1	14
Textiles and articles of dress ..	1	1	8	-	-	-	10
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	5	2	521	-	3	2	533
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	5	3	44	-	5	1	58
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	10	-	48	1	10	-	69
Building and Construction ..	28	1	209	1	16	4	259
Transport and Communication ..	7	4	58	-	9	3	81
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	21	1	103	2	10	2	139
Finance and Property ..	2	-	10	-	1	-	13
Public Administration and Professional	11	1	48	-	10	2	72
Personal and Domestic Service ..	9	2	65	-	12	1	89
Other ..	-	-	14	-	1	1	16
<u>TOTAL - 26th March, 1949:</u>	211	21	1,987	7	99	23	2,348
<u>TOTAL - 27th March, 1948:</u>	295	61	5,588	21	234	22	6,221

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the nine months ended March, 1949 and the persons on benefit at 26th March, 1949, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the nine months ended March, 1949				On Benefit at 26th March, 1949			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales (b)	290	12	1,492	117	69	2	142	22
Victoria	47	21	144	8	6	3	15	2
Queensland	1,276	96	5,231	207	212	11	1,775	44
South Australia (c)	42	4	27	-	6	2	1	-
Western Australia	566	16	119	14	83	1	16	-
Tasmania	50	2	32	2	15	1	8	1
<u>TOTAL :</u>	2,271	151	7,045	348	391	20	1,957	69

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.



8. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING MARCH, 1949, AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 1949, AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH MARCH, 1949.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the nine months ended March, 1949, and those current at 26th March, 1949, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the nine months ended March, 1949				On Benefit at 26th March, 1949			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	9,048	3,251	5,953	1,155	1,724	682	1,225	267
Victoria ..	6,254	2,339	2,873	778	1,480	629	556	191
Queensland ..	3,149	928	3,349	591	711	255	617	126
South Australia(c)	3,498	883	603	81	621	187	87	10
Western Australia	2,387	772	1,301	212	441	168	183	34
Tasmania ..	792	196	868	180	146	55	174	46
<u>TOTAL :</u>	25,128	8,369	14,947	2,997	5,123	1,976	2,842	674

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIII. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 26th March, 1949, is shown in the following table:-

XV. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH MARCH, 1949.  
AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	616	13	629
Other Primary Production ..	166	-	166
Coal Mining ..	200	-	200
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	134	2	136
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (including Shipbuilding) ..	1,084	108	1,192
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	366	14	380
Textiles and articles of dress ..	351	492	843
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	526	125	651
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	364	11	375
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	769	165	934
Building and Construction ..	1,252	9	1,261
Transport and Communication ..	717	78	795
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	748	439	1,187
Finance and Property ..	43	43	86
Public Administration and Professional ..	244	460	704
Personal and Domestic Service ..	365	687	1,052
Other ..	20	4	24
<u>TOTAL :</u>	7,965	2,650	10,615

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during March, 1949, and the nine months ended March, 1949, and of those on benefit at 26th March, 1949.

XVI. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING MARCH, 1949 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1949 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during -				On benefit	
	March, 1949		Nine months ended March, 1949		26th March, 1949	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	216	54	3,201	911	388	159
Cancer ..	37	8	239	44	82	18
Other Tumours ..	38	40	323	242	72	66
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases ..	228	80	2,286	689	575	222
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs ..	19	15	180	182	47	44
Nervous System and Sense Organs ..	442	153	3,608	1,431	852	376
Circulatory System ..	404	69	3,433	573	988	199
Respiratory System ..	419	57	4,210	908	679	172
Digestive System ..	1,044	295	8,993	2,486	1,541	421
Genito-urinary System ..	198	157	1,580	924	344	251
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	100	-	903	-	231
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	263	57	2,175	459	334	86
Bones and Organs of Movement ..	117	45	1,031	308	222	96
Other Diseases (including Ill-defined Conditions) ..	83	33	646	397	130	88
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	423	43	4,112	442	1,113	133
Other injuries, etc. ..	420	42	3,791	422	523	73
Operations (original disability not stated) ..	19	-	142	10	47	5
Other (including not stated) ..	10	2	125	35	28	10
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>4,380</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>40,075</b>	<b>11,366</b>	<b>7,965</b>	<b>2,650</b>

9. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the nine months ended March, 1949, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1949.

STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	5,485	3,574	22,660	3,253	5,044	307	33,189	7,134	21.50
Vic.	365	145	14,769	2,525	4,400	314	19,534	2,984	15.28
Q'ld.	11,607	4,797	9,474	1,457	432	146	21,513	6,400	29.75
S.A.(b)	2,913	2,840	6,065	1,000	153	39	9,131	3,879	42.48
W.A.	1,300	585	5,554	882	630	68	7,484	1,535	20.51
Tas.	105	19	2,369	333	136	32	2,610	384	14.71
<b>TOTAL :</b>	<b>21,775</b>	<b>11,960</b>	<b>60,891</b>	<b>9,450</b>	<b>10,795</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>93,461</b>	<b>22,316</b>	<b>23.88</b>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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